

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## FACTS, NEWS, AND COSES.

**NOTICE** About the Tariff.—The Committee—Postmaster.—The Successor.—Personnel News and Notes.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., December 10.**—The Free-Traders are not hesitate to express in private conversation their disappointment at finding that the language used by the President in his message justifies the belief that his views on the tariff question very nearly coincide with those of Mr. Randall. "But we will carry out our pledges to the country," they say, "by passing a bill reducing tariff duties, reforming the system of classification of dutiable articles, and collection of customs dues. We intend to go at the work in earnest, and the proposed modification of the rules is the first step in that direction."

The Prosecutors of moderate type—that is, those who have influential protection—have little more to say than that the President's position is conservative and safe, and will meet the approval of business-men.

The last congressional elections made known among the chairmen and members of the House committees. The members of some committees were slaughtered almost to a man. It is very likely that in framing the new committee Speaker Carlisle will make an entirely new deal, and will be influenced in a proper degree by a desire to give the Administration as strong support as the circumstances may permit.

It is probable that the House will adjourn from Saturday until Tuesday to evade a technical difficulty about the revision of rules. It is not expected that the new list of committees will be announced for two weeks.

There is some talk of holding a general caucus on the question of rules.

Early next week the bill of Senator Bowe placing members of the Cabinet in the line of succession to the presidency in case of vacancies in the office of President and Vice-President will be reported from committee, and Senator Bowe intends to press it to its passage as soon as possible.

Constituent Bayne, of Pennsylvania, proposes to introduce a joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to make postmasters elective by the people. Of course there is no chance for the adoption of that measure by Congress. A great deal of breath may be wasted in discussing a amendment that has been made or in bewailing the evils of the present system, but when it comes to a square proposition to deprive them of the opportunity to dispense patronage the politicians will be found in opposition.

**PERSONALS.**

Among the Virginians of the city are Attorney-General Frank Blair, J. B. Storer, Saenger, Colonel W. T. Jones, C. M. Peeler, L. C. Calfee, G. W. Beckman, W. H. Terry, H. W. Page of Norfolk, H. B. Helm of Danville, L. S. Jones, and A. H. Smith, Lynchburg.

Dr. S. P. Moore, J. J. Winn, J. S. Daniel, of Richmond; Thomas F. Wood of Washington, N. C., and J. R. Harris of University of Virginia are here attending the sessions of the American Public Health Association. Doctor Axel and Major L. J. D. Myers, of Richmond, and Dr. A. G. Komer, of Roanoke, are among the gentlemen elected members of the Association during its session here.

Major E. H. Douglas, formerly of Winchester, now residing at Frederick, Md., was at the Capitol to-day, accompanied by ladies.

In Bunting of Bristol, who is a brother-in-law of Rev. J. Lindsey, Chairman of the Forty-eighth Congress, has been here several days.

I saw Judge J. B. Grimley, of Culpeper, at the Capitol.

J. L. Beckley, of Alexandria, and George W. Fisher, of Albermarle, colored men, who supported the Democratic ticket, have been reappointed employees of the House through the influence of Mr. Barbour and Collier General.

Two hundred congratulatory dispatches and letters have been received by Major John W. Daniel, chiefly from representatives of the young Democracy of the State. Among those outside of Virginia who have sent congratulations are Daniel S. Dougherty of Philadelphia, who nominated Hancock at Cincinnati; Jeff. M. Levy and A. M. Belter of New York; Thomas L. Nixon, of New Orleans; H. L. Douglass, of Frederick, Md., and Bradbury T. Johnson of Baltimore.

## ALL DUNGEONS.

**SERIAL.**

**WASHINGTON, December 10, 1885.**—In the Senate to-day, after the reading of the Journal, the President pro tempore and before the Senate several communications from heads of departments.

The resolution by Mr. Mansfield to read 1,000 copies of the President's message and accompanying documents was agreed to.

A resolution offered by Mr. Morris was agreed to, directing the payment from the contingent fund of the Senate, upon presentation and proper audit of vouchers, of the actual and necessary expenses of the Senate committee appointed to attend the funeral obsequies of General Grant.

A communication was received from the President enclosing several hundred nominations to offices in the foreign, civil, military, and naval service of the United States which have been made since the new Administration took office. The following are the principal ones: To be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States—George V. N. Latimer, of Michigan; to Russia—James M. Curry, of Virginia; to Spain—Charles Deppay, of Indiana; to China—John B. Stallo, of Ohio; to Italy—Charles D. Jacob, of Kentucky; to the United States of Colombia.

John E. Bacon, of South Carolina, to be Charge d'Affaires of the United States to Paraguay and Uruguay; Lamberton T. Illinois, to be Minister Resident of the United States to Belgium.

To be Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul-General of the United States—Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky; in Switzerland—Frederick L. Wilson, of Illinois; to Persia—John E. W. Thompson, of New York City; to Hayti—William A. Seay, of Louisiana; to Bolivia—Moses E. Boggs, of North Carolina; to Liberia—Walker Keen, of Louisiana; to Romania, Serbia, and Greece.

To be Consul-General of the United States—Jacob Miller, of Ohio; Franklin-on-the-Main; H. Clay Armstrong, of Alabama; at Rio de Janeiro—Michael H. Phelan, of Missouri; at Halifax—D. Lyman Bringle, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of Legation and Consul-General of the United States to Guatemala.

Joseph L. Morgan, South Carolina, secretary legation to Mexico; Henry L. Blodow, Mississippi, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Robert W. Van, North Carolina, Assistant Commissioner of Persons; Frank Gordon, Georgia, principal Clerk of Surveys in the General Land Office; William D. Bishop, Surveyor-General of

Florida; and the following postmen: Mrs. Mary H. S. Long, Charlottesville, Va.; William H. Ritner, Harrisonburg, Va.; John A. R. Turner, Lexington, Va.; Charles W. Burke, Lynchburg, Va.; William A. Burke, Staunton, Va.; L. W. Caldwell, Warren, Va.; Bruce Gibson, Winchester, Va.; John A. Young, Charlotte, N. C.; Madison May, Newbern, N. C.; Samuel A. Ashe, Raleigh, N. C.; Archibald H. Boyden, Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of a postal telegraph. Referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads. Mr. Edmunds said it was the same bill that he had introduced at the last session of Congress which went to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and was reported upon by that committee so late in the session that the subject could not be considered by the Senate.

A joint resolution introduced by Mr. Morell was read three times and passed, reappointing as members of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution John MacLean, of New Jersey; Jas. Gray, of Massachusetts; and Henry Cooper, of Pennsylvania; and also appointing on the same board General Meigs of Washington, in place of General Sherman, rendered ineligible by removal of residence from Washington.

Mr. Dooley introduced a bill to repeal the law of last session providing for the settlement of claims of officers and enlisted men of the army for loss of private property destroyed in the military service of the United States. This is the law to which the President called attention in his message as "indefinite in its terms," and as to which he says, "it is to remain on the statute book if it does not amend." After a good deal of discussion, in which several senators defended the existing law as being as nearly perfect as one having the object could be, Mr. Dooley's bill was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Among other bills introduced and appropriately referred were the following:

In Mr. Pratt's bill to relieve commercial travellers from license taxes, it is a misnomer for any officer of a State or municipal corporation to interfere in any way with a commercial traveller selling goods in a State of which he is the merchant he represents is not a citizen.

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